



Dudley H.A. Wright II, Chair  
Kent Appelhans, Vice Chair

Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director

## Education Committee

### STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Meeting Minutes of the EMS Education Committee meeting held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1107, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

### Call to Order

Vice Chair Ms. Kearns called the meeting to order at 11:48 am.

### Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Susan Kearns (Vice Chair), John Bichard, Eric Burgess, Richard Busch, Matthew Phillips, Amy Raubenolt, and Bruce Shade.

Committee Members Absent: George Snyder (Chair), Daniel Heuchert, Jeffrey Hill, Chuck Sowerbrower, and David Yarmesch.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Rob Wagoner, Carol Savage, Christina Miller, and Jayn Mayton

Visitor: Michael Simon

### Open Forum

Executive Director Wagoner brought a question for the Education Committee to consider. The program director of Mt. West Community and Technical College of Huntington, West Virginia, asked whether their school can become an accredited site for Ohio certification. It has been a nationally accredited paramedic center since 2014, which attracts many students from Ohio because it is the closest program to their location. The Ohio students must first get a West Virginia certificate, then apply for reciprocity with Ohio for an Ohio certificate. Southeastern Ohio is one of the most rural and underserved areas in EMS in the state; in fact, most of the critically injured patients in that area go to West Virginia. The DPS legal team has advised that there is nothing in the current rules or law that requires a school to be physically located in Ohio. Executive Director Wagoner asked the committee for their consideration and feedback.

It was commented that this could create more interest in the EMS profession in that area, and having more paramedics in the SE region would benefit patients there. Huntington, WV, has a number one trauma center, and is able to offer paramedics the valuable clinical experience they need. Regarding the question of an out of state program's qualifications meeting Ohio standards, it was pointed out that for the paramedic level, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) sets the standards, and national accreditation certification requires everything across the country to be standardized nationally, so there shouldn't be a problem. Perhaps this would be a good way to improve access to training for more EMTs and Paramedics. There was a suggestion that a fee waiver could be established

for students who are applying for the program over a certain distance, to compensate their long travel time and cost, although the law on this matter would have to be checked.

Executive Director Wagoner thanked the committee members for their comments, and concluded his report.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** *to approve the Education Committee meeting minutes from June 15, 2021. Mr. Shade – First. Dr. Raubenolt – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.*

**MOTION:** *to approve the Education Committee meeting minutes from June 23, 2021. Mr. Busch – First. Mr. Phillips – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.*

## **Work Group Assignments and Updates**

- Quality Continuing Education Work Group Update: There was no one in attendance to give an update on this work group.
- Cross Training with Law Enforcement Work Group Update: There was no one in attendance to give an update on this work group.
- EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) for EMS Update: There was no update on this agenda item at this time.

## **Subcommittee Updates**

- **EMR & EMT subcommittee update.**

The updated EMR and EMT level Psychomotor Examination Manual was presented by Mr. Shade, who directed the committee to the additions and changes that have been made since the last meeting. Changes were made in an attempt to make the manual as concise and user-friendly as possible.

Specific changes were pointed out for the committee's comments. Forms were reviewed, and it was observed that it would be helpful if the forms were electronically fillable. It was agreed that signatures on the forms are meaningful. The committee expressed interest in pursuing the electronically fillable process that is available for this and other forms.

It was suggested a key would be helpful to explain the number of attempts, listed as 1A, 2A, etc. It was suggested that a note used in the National Registry trauma form be put in: "Areas denoted by \*\* may be integrated within sequence of primary survey."

Regarding the scoring of tests, there was agreement that the bullet point on the bottom of page 29 that says, "obtain less than 70% of the available points", should be accompanied by a chart, or something that shows the total points, similar to the one in the National Registry document. However, it was agreed that a skill sheet that has a passing score listed could be problematical because an evaluator could change a low score to meet the passing grade, in addition to students' tendency to "study for the score" instead of learning the information for the sake of learning per se. It was discussed that the passing score probably shouldn't be available to everyone, but available if someone specifically asks.

Ms. Miller shared the skill sheets with the committee, pointing out edits made from the previous draft. In particular, pediatrics has been added to both skill sheets. She reminded the committee members that the EMR and EMT skill sheets were exactly alike, so changes made to one would be made to both.

As the meeting was scheduled for 1:00 pm in conference room 1107 and another committee was scheduled to start at 1:00 pm in the same room, the meeting moved to conference room 1101 until all the items were reviewed and the meeting could conclude.

Skill sheet changes were discussed. In order to clarify techniques, more exact wording was suggested. Also, some page layout changes were suggested for ease of use.

The committee expressed their deep appreciation for all the work that has gone into modifying and adapting the manual and skill sheets.

**Action item:** To implement the changes agreed upon. – Assigned to the EMR & EMT subcommittee.

**MOTION:** *To present the EMR/EMT level Psychomotor Examination skill sheets and manual to the EMFTS Board for approval, subject to editorial changes, on August 18, 2021. – Vice Chair Kearns. Mr. Phillips – First. Mr. Busch – Second. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.*

## **HR AD Hoc with the EMFTS Board**

- **HR Ad Hoc update.**

There was no update on this agenda item at this time.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1107, Columbus, Ohio 43223 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.